

11th February, 1800.

*Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.*

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## A Bill

In addition to the laws relative to the military establishment of the United States.

1 SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
2 the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That if any per-  
3 son who shall have enlisted, or hereafter may enlist, as a non-commis-  
4 sioned officer or private soldier, in the service of the United States,  
5 shall, prior to his enlistment, have been taken in execution, or arrest-  
6 ed for debt, or contract, and committed to prison, and at the time of  
7 his enlistment, as aforesaid, be holden in prison by virtue of said exe-  
8 cution or arrest, such person shall not be discharged from his impri-  
9 sonment in consequence of his enlisting as aforesaid—And in case any  
10 such person, arrested as aforesaid, and prior to his enlistment, shall  
11 have given bail, and at the time of his enlistment, his bail shall not have  
12 been discharged in due course of law, it shall and may be lawful for the  
13 bail to take such measures for his or their discharge, as he or they might  
14 have taken if the principal had not been enlisted in the service of the  
15 United States; and in case the principal shall be surrendered up by the  
16 bail, he shall be holden in like manner, as if he had not been enlisted as  
17 aforesaid—any law or laws to the contrary notwithstanding.